LAMARR ROACH AND ART SCOTT OF PAUL PIANO AND ORGAN are shown moving the pianos to Appomattox in readiness for the three-day sale planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Westvaco building across from the post office.

Here comes Paul

Paul Piano and Organ, a Lynchburg music company, will hold a major promotional event in Appomattox today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday.

The company has rented the old Westvaco building next to J. E. Sears on Court Street for its base of operations during the three-day festival. The promotion will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each night.

A number of attractions, such as prizes and live music, are being planned for the event, according to Lamar Roach, store manager.

"Because of the driving distance from Lynchburg to Appomattox, we decided to bring our store to Appomattox," Roach said.

"We offer the largest selection of pianos and organs in central Virginia," Roach says. "And our philosophy is, if you're going to buy a piano, buy one of quality."

Paul Piano offers a full line of pianos and organs, including the "Rolls Royce" of pianos, the Kawai, as well as Wurlitzer and Kohler & Campbell instruments.

Roach notes that the store also carries a full line of instructional music and books for music teachers and students.

In addition, Paul Piano offers the Suzuki method of teaching music to young children.

"The philosophy behind the Suzuki method is that, just as a child can talk before he or she read, they should be able to play music before they can read music.

"We sell pianos and organs, and we feel that if we can't teach you how to play an instrument that you've just bought, we're not really doing you any good," Roach notes.

The store currently has numerous studios for teaching, and plans are underway for construction of several more. The studios are used for teaching the Suzuki method, as well as more traditional modes of instruction.

The music company also has an exclusive staff of tuners and technicians, to insure that all instruments belonging to customers stay in top condition.

"We've also established a 'let your children learn' program, where a parent can rent a piano for three months, get full private lessons for that period, and receive weekly progress reports on their child's efforts, all of $159. And, if the child shows promise and the parents want him or her to continue in their music, the $159 can be applied to the cost of the piano."

"I guess the way to sum the whole philosophy of our store, we try to offer something for every aspect of the community, and we believe music is a good way to enrich one's life," Roach concludes.

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Navy invades county

The U. S. Navy has invaded Appomattox, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Bill Thomas is enthused about the move.

Thomas, a recruiter for the Navy, is expanding his recruitment area from Farmville to include the population of Appomattox and the areas between.

"I'm planning on getting together with the principal at the high school and planning a day I could visit there (ACHS) on a weekly basis," says Thomas.

"On that day, I can see people at the school, or arrange to meet them elsewhere," Thomas says. "They can call the recruitment office in Farmville station-to-station collect and I'll arrange to meet them. The number in Farmville is 392-6056."

Thomas notes that he is recruiting for enlisted personnel as well as possible officer candidates. "Anyone who has an interest in the navy as an enlisted person or as a commissioned officer, I can help," Thomas says.

"There are a lot of opportunities for people who want a good future," he continues. "The Navy has something for everybody: good pay, fringe benefits, education opportunities, and, of course, the opportunity to travel."

Hamlett promoted

Reginald Hamlett, son of Thelma L. Hamlett of Appomattox, Va., has been promoted in the U. S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Airman Harmlett is an administrative specialist at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

'Bake-off' set

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

The Appomattox County Extension Homemakers will sponsor a "Bake-Off" contest during this year's Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

Rules for entering the contest are as follows:

1. All entries must be placed in the J.A. Burke Insurance office by 10 a.m. Oct. 11.
2. All entries, except decorated cakes, should be placed on a plain paper plate and covered with plastic wrap.
3. This contest is open to any adult, child, 4-Her or youth.
4. You may enter only one item per class.
5. Awards will be announced at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.
6. The best-in-show award of $10 will be given to a child, 4-Her or youth, and an adult in classes 1 through 5.
7. The best-in-show award of $10 will also be given to a child, 4-Her or youth and adult for the decorated cake class.
8. Each participant is urged to donate their baked goods to the auction at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. Proceeds will go to support the Special Olympics in Appomattox County. Any items not donated for the auction should be picked up by 4 p.m. on Saturday.
9. Judging will take place from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Contest entries will then be opened for the public to see.

Divisions: Adults; Children, 4-Hers, or Youth.

Classes: Pies; Cakes (1/2 cake); Cookies (3 per entry); Yeast breads (3 per entry or 1/2 loaf); Quick breads (3 per entry); Decorated cakes.

Should you have any questions, call Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, contest chairman (993-2877) or, the Appomattox County Extension Office (352-8244).

Jim Hash promoted

Navy Seaman Apprentice James W. Hash Jr., son of James W. and Jean M. Hash Sr. of Route 1, Box 319, Appomattox, Va., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1980 graduate of Appomattox County High School, he joined the Navy in December 1979.

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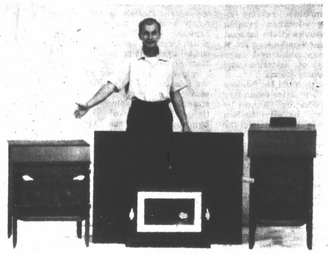

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Selection and care of house plants

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

House plants can add a real decorator touch to our homes. They also create a more healthful environment. They give off oxygen and use up human's carbon dioxide.

It is extremely important to use the right soil preparation when potting or repotting house plants. Sterilized soil is a good investment. Vermiculite, which is a hydrous silicate, expands when moistened. This holds moisture well and gives the roots of a plant growing and breathing room. Perlite is a volcanic glass usually appearing in small bits and pieces. This can be mixed in the soil but does not hold moisture like the vermiculite.

When preparing your soil, use approximately 2/3 sterilized soil and 1/3 vermiculite or perlite. Some prefer to use sand or peat. Any of these fillers help give plants growing room for their roots.

Now is the time of year that many people are beginning to think about taking plants inside or purchasing plants to give their home a green plant environment during the fall and winter season. Some good rules for house plant selection are as follows:

1. Make sure the plants you select have appeal to you or the member of the family who will be responsible for them. (This is a good way to get children involved in caring for plants.)
2. Be sure the plants are suitable for the conditions in which they are to live.
3. Be sure they won't require more time and experience than you have to offer.
4. Consider when you purchase a plant its stage of growth and how much it will grow. Also consider its shape and size.

Before selecting a plant, you might ask yourself what shape of plant do you want, an upright, bushy, trailing or climbing plant. This will be determined by where you plan to put the plant in a room. Also ask yourself do you want a colorful foliage plant or a blooming one. And then a very important question to ask yourself is how much time and effort will I be able to give this plant.

As we answer questions concerning house plants and why they fail or why they grow, we have found that too much or too little light, water and humidity are important factors. Other factors include poor potting soil, too high or too low temperatures, too much or too little food and weaknesses due to insect and disease problems.

It is so important for you to fertilize your plants, but it is equally important not to over fertilize them. Many people feel that if a little plant food is good, then a little bit more will make their plants grow.

There has been an interesting study conducted at the University of Houston, Texas. They have been using unflavored gelatin to help nourish house plants. These studies concluded that unflavored gelatin is rich in nitrogen which is what house plants need most to flourish. Since most of the other essential nutrients, such as phosphorous, potassium and trace elements, required by plants are usually contained in standard potting mixtures which come with plants or are purchased in the stores, just adding nitrogen-rich unflavored gelatin is all that is necessary to help maintain healthy plant growth. When I first heard about these studies, I was somewhat of a doubting Thomas. After experimenting for over a month, I have found that the unflavored gelatin really is as good as they say. Mix one envelope of unflavored gelatin with one cup of hot tap water and stir to dissolve. Add three cups of cold water to make one quart of liquid. Use this unflavored gelatin mixture once a month as part of your normal watering, feeding pattern. Prepare only as much as you plan to use at one time. I have seen some very interesting results with some house plants. It really does work and it's very inexpensive plant food.

When you bring your house plants inside, remember they need some grooming, and they also will need to be gradually brought in. Remember our humidity inside may be quite different from that outside. Even though we have had extremely dry weather, the nights are cool and the humidity is very different from the humidity in our homes.

Now is also an excellent time to take cuttings from some of our plants and start next year's baskets for our hangers outside.

Should you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call us at 352-8244 or write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Homemakers, Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
CREAM CHEESE BISCUIT
1 stick margarine
3 ounces cream cheese
½ c. self rising flour
2 c. plain flour

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Oakville news

Mrs. Earle Harding is recuperating from pneumonia in the Lynchburg General Hospital. For the first few days she was put in the intensive care unit, but was taken out Sunday.

Mrs. Mason Bantam is recuperating from recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Page, Mrs. Riley Megginson, Mrs. Marshall Martin were supper guests for a "cookout" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page in celebration of the host's birthday on Saturday night.

Mrs. Margaret Lee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin Jr., Mrs. Twyman Coleman, Mrs. Alise Drinkard, motored to Ocean Isle Beach for the week. The group also went to Myrtle Beach one day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Hunter of Crewe spent last Monday and Tuesday with their daughter and son-in law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker Moore. Mr. Hunter also visited other relatives in the vicinity.

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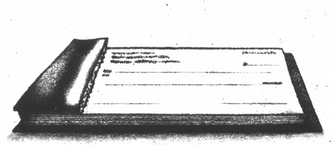

There are still some banks offering free checking as a way to get new customers. And on first thought, free checking sounds a lot better than a checking account that has service charges. But for some people, free checking is not such a good idea, because now there is Interest/Checking from Central Fidelity Bank. This new way to handle your money pays you interest on the money you normally keep in your checking account, by combining the convenience of checking with the interest earning ability of savings. So, you earn interest on all your money until you spend it.

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